

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.11978 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-626 Year-2023 Thana- MUZAFFARPUR TOWN District-
Muzaffarpur

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Lakhan Mahto @ Manish Mahto @ Manish Kumar S/O UDAY SHANKAR
MAHTO VILLAGE- GOLA ROAD PANKAJ MARKET, TOWN, DIST.
MUZAFFARPUR.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dr. Bipin Chandra

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Abhay Kumar Roy

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

2 29-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his/her arrest in a
case in connection with Town P.S. Case No. 626 of 2023 dated
27.07.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 1375.785 litres of
illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the Bolero vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the
conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner is neither



the owner nor the driver of the said vehicle. The name of the petitioner has transpired on mere suspicion. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has one more criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that no case is made out against the petitioner. Learned Counsel has relied on the judgment of Full Bench of Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar 2019 (2) PLJR 1089**. The Full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav (supra)** has held that an application for anticipatory bail in a case arising out of Bihar Excise and Prohibition Act can be maintained, despite the bar under Section 76 (2) of the Act, if on the basis of allegation made in the FIR, no offence under the said provision is made out.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner by submitting that the bar of Section 76(2) of the Act applies in this case.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as well as the material available on record, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on



anticipatory bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/-
(Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount
each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned,
Muzaffarpur in connection with Town P.S. Case No. 626 of
2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of
the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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